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10:00	8207th meeting [webcast] Adoption of the agenda The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Security Council Chamber
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Followed by	8209th meeting [webcast] Adoption of the agenda The situation in the Middle East	Security Council Chamber

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General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 [item 136]	
	Joint Inspection Unit [item 142]	
	Standards of accommodation for air travel	
	(A/72/716, A/72/7/Add.44, A/72/629 and A/72/629/Add.1)	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	To be determined.	

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)	
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

10:00 to 13:00	Informal preparatory meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Informal preparatory meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions, permanent observer missions and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus has also been posted on the website of the Division *(click here)*.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

10:00 to 13:00	1st plenary meeting	Conference Room 2
	Opening of the meeting	
	Election of the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee	
	Election of other officers	
	Adoption of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Committee	
	Adoption of the agenda of the Preparatory Committee	
	Organization of work	
	Thematic debate	
	(A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.2, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/INF/1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP.1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.3, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/2 and A/CONF.192/2018/PC/3)	
15:00 to 18:00	2nd plenary meeting	Conference Room 2
	Thematic debate	
	(A/CONF.192/2018/PC/1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/2, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/3, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.1, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.2, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.3, A/CONF.192/2018/PC/INF/1 and A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP.1)	
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	Further information is available on the website, please *click here*; or contact Ms. Sonia Elliott, Secretary of the PrepCom (elliotts@un.org); Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Deputy Secretary of the PrepCom (lomaia@un.org); Mr. Dino Del Vasto (del-vasto@un.org); Ms. Lidija Komatina (komatina@un.org); or Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (cianciulli@un.org). PaperSmart (papersmart1@un.org).	

International Civil Service Commission
Eighty-sixth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Economic and Social Council
2018 session

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-second session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed) On the draft resolution entitled "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts"	Conference Room C
13:15 to 14:30	Informal consultations (closed) On the draft resolution entitled "25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 2020", convened by the Vice-Chair (Bangladesh)	Conference Room A
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed) On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia)	Conference Room 4

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

13:15 to 14:30	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room C

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventy-second session

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

15:00	79th plenary meeting [webcast] Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70] Commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.	General Assembly Hall

Thursday, 22 March 2018

10:00	High-level event	General Assembly Hall
15:00	High-level event	Trusteeship Council Chamber

The President of the General Assembly will convene a high-level event to launch the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development" (2018–2028)

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org; 212-963-5307).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 8 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Friday, 23 March 2018

10:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

On the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of General Assembly Resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of the United Nations operational activities for development

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 March 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Thematic debate on working methods [webcast]	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred.

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2018 and 16 March 2018, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Disarmament Commission

Monday, 2 April 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Opening meeting	Conference Room 3

The Disarmament Commission will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 2 April 2018, to Friday, 20 April 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (A/CN.10/L.80/Rev.1).

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of participants are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of the request for inscription.

Further information is available on the Disarmament Commission website (*click here*), for the Accessibility Centre (*click here*) or contact Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Secretary of the Commission (lomaia@un.org); Ms. Christa Giles, Deputy Secretary of the Commission (giles@un.org); Ms. Lidija Komatina, List of speakers, (komatina@un.org) or Mr. Martin Vrastiak, List of Participants (vrastiak@un.org). Accessibility: *click here*.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-eighth session

Monday, 4 June 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

The seventy-eighth session of the Committee on Contributions will be held at Headquarters from Monday, 4 June 2018 to Friday, 29 June 2018.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests.

Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2018*. The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245.

Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the secretariat of the Committee for further information (405 East 42nd Street, S-2115; tel. 212-963-4975; fax 212-963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

Economic and Social Council
2018 session

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 16 April 2018

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

Basic programme of work of the Council [item 3]

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [item 4]

Additional information is available on the website of the Council. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb. Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence no later than 30 March 2018 to the secretariat of the Council.

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers by Member States and Observer States should be submitted through the ECOSOC e-Speakers module in e-deleGATE.

The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

Intergovernmental organizations and the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers should send, in writing, the full name and title of the speaker to the Office of the Secretary of the Council.

To circulate statements electronically, see PaperSmart link. For inclusion in the list of participants, the names of representatives and alternates attending this event should be registered through the ECOSOC e-List of Participants module in e-deleGATE.

(E/2018/1, E/2018/2, E/2018/100, E/2018/1/Add.1, E/2018/9 and E/2018/9/Add.3, E/2018/9/Add.4, E/2018/9/Add.5, E/2018/9/Add.6, E/2018/9/Add.7, E/2018/9/Add.8, E/2018/9/Add.9, E/2018/9/Add.10, E/2018/9/Add.11, E/2018/9/Add.12, E/2018/9/Add.13 and E/2018/9/Add.14)

Links: PaperSmart, Candiweb, e-deleGATE Portal, Website, https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/node/5143421, and https://www.un.org/ecosoc/sites/www.un.org.ecosoc/files/files/en/cmm/2018-april-cmm-programme.pdf

Contacts: ECOSOC Affairs Branch (elections to ECOSOC subsidiary bodies) (ecosocelections@un.org, emelina@un.org, constablem@un.org); Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (agona@un.org); Office of the Secretary of ECOSOC, DGACM (leonc@un.org).

Wednesday, 4 April 2018

10:00 to 13:00 2018 Partnership Forum [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited to attend.

There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for group statements).

Members, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal, by 18:00, on Monday, 2 April 2018.

Since a flexible seating arrangement will be used, Member States that are not members of the Council, representatives of intergovernmental organizations, as well as of the United Nations system that wish to participate, should communicate their intention to participate to the secretariat of the Council, in order to be provided a seat in the conference room no later than 18:00, on 2 April 2018.

All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Partnership Forum, including the concept note and draft programme, is available on the website of the Economic and Social Council.

For further details, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Links: PaperSmart, e-deleGATE Portal, Website or *click here*.

Contacts: Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (simonp@un.org); ECOSOC Affairs Branch (pricec@un.org).

Monday, 23 April 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Forum on financing for development follow-up Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office.

Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be submitted through the ECOSOC e-Speakers module in e-deleGATE.

Inscriptions on the list of speakers will close by 13:00, on 20 April 2018.

The time limit set for statements is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

Intergovernmental organizations and the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers should send, in writing, the full name and title of the speaker to the Office of the Secretary of the Council.

To circulate statements electronically, see PaperSmart link.

All delegations are reminded to submit their nominations for participation, as soon as possible, to the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *two minutes* (*four minutes* for group statements).

For inclusion in the list of participants, the names of representatives and alternates attending this event should be registered through the ECOSOC e-List of Participants module in e-deleGATE.

Links: PaperSmart, e-deleGATE Portal, Website and http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffdforum/2018-ffd-forum.html

Contacts: Office of the ECOSOC Secretary, DGACM: alejandrino@un.org; FFDO DESA, Ms. Anjali Rangaswami (ministerial participation); Mr. Tim Hilger (round tables participation): rangaswami@un.org and hilger@un.org.

Commission on Population and Development
Fifty-first session

Monday, 9 April 2018

10:00 to 13:0 0 Substantive session [webcast] . Conference Room 4

The Commission on Population and Development will hold its fifty-first substantive session from Monday, 9 April 2018, to Friday, 13 April 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 9 April 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

(E/CN.9/2018/1, E/CN.9/2018/2, E/CN.9/2018/3, E/CN.9/2018/4, E/CN.9/2018/5, E/CN.9/2018/6, E/CN.9/2018/L.1 and E/CN.9/2018/L.2)

For participation and seating arrangements, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat of the Commission.

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room, on the opening day.

All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Members and observers who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

The lists of speakers for all agenda items will be open on 19 March 2018.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery. Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 30 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than one hour before delivery of the statement.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact the DGACM Help-desk.

Links: Side events, NGOs, Website, PaperSmart and e-deleGATE Portal.

Contacts: Mr. Henry Breed, Commission Secretary (breed@un.org); Mr. Tomas Casas, for inquiring regarding the e-list of speakers (casast@un.org); Mr. Victor Leu, for inquiries regarding the e-list of participants (leu@un.org); Mr. Dino Del Vasto (del-vasto@un.org).

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-second session

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

10:00 to 11:00 — 12th meeting — Conference Room 4

Communications concerning the status of women [item 4]

Consideration of the report of the Working Group on Communications on the status of women

11:00 to 13:00 — 13th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions [item 5]

General discussion

Follow up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty third special session of the General Assembly entitled Women 2000 gender equality development and peace for the twenty first century [item 3 as a whole]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

(E/CN.6/2018/10, E/CN.6/2018/11, E/CN.6/2018/2, E/CN.6/2018/3, E/CN.6/2018/4, E/CN.6/2018/5, E/CN.6/2018/6, E/CN.6/2018/7, E/CN.6/2018/8, E/CN.6/2018/8/Corr.1, E/CN.6/2018/9 and E/CN.6/2018/12)

Links: NGOs written statements, Website, e-deleGATE Portal, PaperSmart

Contacts: Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (for inscription by IGOs, UN system (alejandrino@un.org; 917-367-4422)), Ms. Catalina De Leon (for the list of speakers) (leonc@un.org)), Ms. Yasmine Laabas (for list of participants of IGOs and UN system (laabas@un.org)) and Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (tanoy@un.org).

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 4

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia)

13:15 to 16:15 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room A

On the draft resolution entitled "25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 2020", convened by the Vice-Chair (Bangladesh)

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 4

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia) (if needed)

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 4

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia) (if needed)

Thursday, 22 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

On the draft agreed conclusions entitled "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", convened by the Vice-Chair (Colombia) (if needed)

United Nations Forum on Forests

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

Special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests

The event will be comprised of an opening segment, an interactive panel discussion and a general discussion. Additional information on the event is available on the website of the United Nations Forum on Forests (*click here*).

The list of speakers for the general discussion is open. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, in writing, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat.

The deadline to inscribe on the list is 17:00, on Tuesday, 20 March 2018.

The time limit for interventions is *three minutes*.

Please note that interpretation might not be available for this event. For further information, please contact the secretariat or visit the website of the United Nations Forum on Forests *(click here)*.

Contacts: Office of the Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests (emelina@un.org and olvida@un.org); United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (sen@un.org).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/
United Nations Population Fund/
United Nations Office for Project Services

Thursday, 22 March 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Joint briefing of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women on cost recovery

All delegations are invited to attend.

Friday, 23 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 9

UNDP briefing on the working plan of engagement with the Executive Board – A UNDP for the United Nations system

All delegations are invited to attend.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 16 March 2018

Security Council

[archived video]

8206th meeting *The situation in the Middle East*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Staffan de Mistura, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. de Mistura, by video-teleconference from Brussels.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Equatorial Guinea, Kazakhstan, Côte d'Ivoire and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

General Assembly
Seventy-second session

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

32nd meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 [item 136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

Update on the proposed regional restructuring of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Assistant Secretary-General, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the update on the proposed regional restructuring of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/72/720).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/72/7/Add.45).

Statements were made by the representatives of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Chile (also on behalf of Argentina, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein), Canada ((also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand (CANZ)) and the United States.

The Committee concluded its general discussion on the question.

The Chair made remarks and informed the Committee that informal consultations would be coordinated by Mr. Lyle Davidson (South Africa)

Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [item 148]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item

Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

The Assistant Secretary-General, Registrar of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals, Mr. Olufemi Elias, introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (A/72/734).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/72/785).

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Committee concluded its general discussion on the question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question would be held immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting and would be coordinated by Mr. Fabio Esteban Pedraza Torres (Colombia).

The Chair also informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Friday, 16 March, in the afternoon, on agenda item 142: Joint Inspection Unit, in particular on the question of the annual report of the Unit for 2017 and its programme of work for 2018, and on the outcome of the review of the follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit reports and recommendations by the United Nations system organizations.

The Chair made concluding remarks.

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Commission on the Status of Women

Sixty-second session

[archived video]

10th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls;

Interactive expert panel discussion on "The role of women's land rights and land tenure security in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals"

The Vice-Chair (Bangladesh) made an opening statement and moderated the discussion.

The Chair of the Commission on Narcotics Drug, Her Excellency Alicia Buenrostro Massieu (Mexico), made a statement via video link.

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Ms. Naela Gabr, Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; Ms. Tzili Mor, Board of the International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law; Ms. Yolanda Terán Maigua, Coordinator of Education and Culture, Indigenous Women's Network on Biodiversity from Latin America and the Caribbean; Ms.Rea Abada Chiongson, Senior Legal Advisor on Gender, International Development Law Organization; and Mr. Robert P. Ndugwa, Head, Global Urban Observatory Unit (Data and Statistics Unit) in the Research and Capacity Development Branch, United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Republic of Tanzania, Colombia, Kenya and Egypt, as well as the observers of Switzerland, Mexico and the Gambia participated.

The representatives of the following non-government organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the discussion: Public Services International, Global, Gambia; Dones per la Libertad I Democràcia, Spain; Non-Governmental Organizations' Coordinating Committee, Zambia; and the Catholic Women's League Australia Incorporated.

11th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(ii) Review theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

Interactive expert panel discussion on "Innovative data approaches for measuring progress on gender equality and women's empowerment"

The Vice-Chair (Kenya) made an opening statement and moderated the discussion.

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Mr. Steve MacFeely, Head of Statistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Mr. Jaime Sebastian Lobo Tovar, Member of Gender Statistics Working Group, National Administrative Department of Statistics of Colombia; Ms. Nandini Chami, Senior Research Associate, IT for change; Ms. Nnenna Nwakanma, Senior Policy Manager, World Wide Web Foundation; Ms. Irena Krizman, Co-Chair of ISI Statistical Capacity Building Committee.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which the representatives of Qatar, Canada, China, Eritrea and Namibia, as well as the observers of Italy, Uganda, Afghanistan and Côte d'Ivoire participated.

The representatives of the following non-government organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the discussion: WePower; Project 1948 Foundation; Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society; Fundación Microfinanzas BBV; United States Committee for UN-Women and the International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination.

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Other meetings

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Monday, 19 March 2018

Non-Aligned Movement (extraordinary meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Press conferences

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room F

Thursday, 22 March 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room F

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Development of a Global Pact for the Environment" (under agenda item 14) (convened by the Permanent Mission of France)

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room E

Forthcoming other meetings

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Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Nowruz (A/RES/64/253) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, India, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Contact: Mr. Javad Safaei (iran@un.int; 212-687-2020).

Event entitled "Fostering Innovation in Water Technologies for Sustainable Development Goal 6" (A/RES/71/222) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Singapore and PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency)

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

To register, please *click here*. Contact: kathleen_ho@mfa.gov.sg; 212-826-0840.

Special event entitled "A Decade of Recognition for the Contributions, Achievements and Challenges of People of African Descent Worldwide" (on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in collaboration with the International Organization of La Francophonie, the Permanent Missions of Brazil and South Africa, the NGO Committee for the Elimination of Racism, Afrophobia and Colorism and the United Nations Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

13:15 to 14:30 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

To register, please *click here*.

Briefing on the forthcoming seventeenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (16 to 27 April 2018) (E/2000/22) (organized by the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)

Tuesday, 27 March 2018

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 8

Permanent missions are invited. To register, please contact Ms. Mirian Masaquiza (masaquiza@un.org, 917-367-9607).

Briefing to the Committee on Information on the activities of the Department of Public Information and on the implementation of all recommendations and requests (with the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications) (A/RES/72/90) (organized by the Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 28 March 2018

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